

FIRST SKIRMISH OVER DRAFT BILL ENDS IN DRAW

Senate Committee Accepts Administration Plan—Substitute Offered in House.

OUTCOME IS DOUBTFUL

Lower Chamber Merely Would Permit President to Order Conscription if Volunteer System Fails.

The first round of the legislative battle for the enactment of a selective draft bill providing for the raising of an army of 500,000 men for service in the present war, and by the same system of selection bringing the regular army and the National Guard up to war strength ended in a draw last night.

In the Senate the Committee on Military Affairs by a 10 to 7 vote accepted the administration's plan, while in the House Committee a substitute provision delegating to the President the responsibility of applying the draft system in the event of the failure of the voluntary system was adopted by a vote of 12 to 8.

The alterations in the administration's plans by the House Committee are bitterly resented by the President and his advisers, to whom the substitute provision is wholly unacceptable. So staunch is the opposition of the administration to the sort of a measure which the House Committee desires to force upon it that President Wilson yesterday took occasion to visit the Senate and set forth his views and the reasons upon which they are based.

Arrives at Capitol.

He arrived at the Capitol just as the Senate Military Committee was voting on the paragraph of the proposed law, and Chairman Chamberlain had the pleasure of informing the Chief Executive that his wishes had been regarded by the Senate.

The fight before the House Committee is by long odds the more bitter of the two contests. Yesterday's vote for the substitute measure so distasteful to the President came after Representative Caldwell, of New York, heretofore a hard and fast supporter of the administration and of the conscription system of raising an army for war, and Representative Davidson, the newly elected Republican member of the committee, had added their votes to the opposition. The committee, it had been believed, was tied on the proposition of the selective draft. The Caldwell shift was unexpected. The Davidson nomination in the matter in refusing to accept the suggestions of the experts who have made a study of the questions, and in refusing to accept the conviction which the recent bloody experience of Great Britain in the present world war convinced the opposition that it was better to shield itself from possible criticism back home.

"It is a significant fact that the only four members of the committee who have actually seen military service in the armies of the United States, and who saw it under the voluntary system, are supporting the administration's contention for the passage of the selective draft law. These members are Representatives Greene, of Vermont; Crago, of Pennsylvania; Lamm, of New York, and Tilson, of Connecticut."

The bill as finally drafted by the committee.

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German Munitions Plants Crippled by Labor Strikes

Amsterdam, April 18.—Attempts by the German government to stop labor agitation so far have failed. A message from Berlin today said that munitions factories were crippled by strikes.

The Berliner Tageblatt was quoted as saying that a number of munitions makers had quit, but that "effective measures were being taken."

It was estimated that from 125,000 to 150,000 German workmen were on strike in Berlin and its environs, but some had returned to work despite the protests of their leaders.

Socialists went among the idle workmen distributing peace pamphlets and demands for a betterment of the "starvation conditions." Some of these Socialists were arrested, Berlin dispatches stated.

FOOD FAMINE HITS GERMANY.

London, April 18.—The food situation in Germany has become so serious that the chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, has gone to Hamburg to consult the Kaiser, says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam today.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK.

Madrid, April 18.—The Spanish steamship Tonia, 2,413 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine with the loss of eighteen lives. Advice received today said the Tonia was not warned. The ship hailed from Bilbao.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The Washington Herald is printing daily notices of births, marriages, and deaths among the people of Washington.

These notices appear today on page 8.

AFTER ELEVEN YEARS MONEY IS RETURNED

Conscience-Stricken Finder of Purse Makes Late Restitution.

Nearly eleven years ago Mrs. Theodore V. Ale, now living at 1916 Duke street, Alexandria, lost a pocketbook on an electric train at Prince and Royal streets which contained \$40.

Yesterday the money was restored to her.

The finder of the pocketbook, evidently conscience-stricken, sent the money in cash by registered mail this morning to Chief of Police S. T. Gooda, asking in the letter, which was unsigned and mailed in Washington, that the money be given to Mrs. Ale, and directed if she were not living that it be given to some of her people.

ARGENTINE MOBS RIOTING FOR WAR

Anti-German Demonstrations Break Out in Buenos Aires. Police in Control.

(By the International News Service.)

Buenos Aires, April 18.—Anti-German rioting broke out here tonight. The police are having great difficulty in controlling the mobs. Mounted policemen frequently were forced to charge into the throngs of rioters. German property was defended with difficulty.

The riots here—fewer than those which followed news of the sinking of an Argentine ship last week—developed when papers announced fresh anti-German outbreaks at Porto Alegre, in northeastern Brazil. In the Brazilian city, it was reported, the mobs were fighting federal troops.

Other disturbances occurred late today at Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian capital. Reports received here tonight from Rio said that several men had been killed and wounded in a clash between Brazilian guards on an interned German ship and the Germans of the ship's crew.

No further popular demonstrations were reported at Rio, but the situation in Porto Alegre admittedly is serious. The police failed utterly to maintain order and troops were called. Many German business houses and homes in the large German colony at Porto Alegre were attacked. The German flag frequently was torn down and trampled upon.

The rioting here tonight so far has not broken from control of the police, but the disturbances seem to be increasing. The streets of this capital took on the appearance of a battlefield although the bloodshed so far has not been great.

Officers, accompanied by buglers and orderlies, ran their horses up and down the street in efforts to keep the mounted police ahead of the mobs, which marched from one German-owned building to another.

Heavy guards were placed early in the night around all buildings owned by Germans or where German families are housed.

MAY TAKE PLANTS

Lane Urges Control of Factories Making Explosives.

Government control over all plants manufacturing explosives in the United States, and full supervision of the manufacture, sale, and use of the output of such plants, is provided under a bill drafted last night by Secretary of the Interior Lane, for introduction at once in both houses of Congress.

Secretary Lane, in a letter to Chairman Foster, of the House Committee on Mines, urging immediate passage of the law, explained that the ways and means of carrying on the work outlined had been fully discussed at conferences between representatives of the War and Interior departments, and spokesmen for some of the most important manufacturers of explosives.

The proposed legislation would vest in the Bureau of Mines full authority to conduct the work that is outlined.

The President would be empowered under the law to make and enforce during war time such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to govern the manufacture, distribution, storage, sale and use of smokeless powder, blasting materials, and ingredients thereof, and to utilize such agencies of the government as may be needed for their enforcement.

Are You for Conscription?

President Wilson, following the advice of our army experts and guided by the experience of Great Britain, insists that Congress should pass immediately an act providing for conscription of all able-bodied men between certain specified ages.

Are you in favor of this plan?

Sign this blank and mail it to The Washington Herald:

Name..... YES

Address..... NO

Packing Firm Substitutes Women for Male Employees

Chicago, April 18.—Women as substitutes for men in many departments of the packing industry will be put to work at once by Armour & Co., according to announcement today.

Realizing that the war ultimately will force such action, the company plans to begin hiring women for all vacancies they can fill in the future, thus releasing as many men as possible for military or other duty needed by the government.

Germany Strives to Keep Argentina from Warring

Buenos Aires, April 18.—Germany is reported to be making overtures to Argentina which include safety guarantees for Argentine ships, if this country abstains from breaking off relations with the Kaiser's government.

The naval authorities have learned that the crew of a German vessel interned here wrecked parts of the machinery. Steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence.

Another Patriotic American Says:

"For the sake of our own souls, for the sake of the memories of great Americans of the past, we must show that we do not intend to make this merely a dollar war."

"Let us pay with our bodies of our souls' desire. Let us, without one hour's unnecessary delay, put the American flag on the battle front in this great world war for democracy and civilization and for the reign of justice and fair dealing among the nations of mankind.—Theodore Roosevelt."

Booming of Big Guns Off Cape Cod Causes Navy Department to Believe U-Boats or Raiders Are Near Coast

FT. MYER NAMED TRAINING CAMP

Among Fourteen Localities Chosen by Army for Instructing of Citizens.

The location of fourteen citizens' camps at which America's new gigantic army will be trained was announced late yesterday afternoon by the War Department. They embrace every section of the country. On May 1 they will be ready for the reception of reserve officers and candidates for commissions, and the course of instruction will begin one week later. The camps will later be used for training a large part of the prospective army of 500,000 men.

It develops that under the present regulations those in training for commissions will not receive any pay. It was stated yesterday that "the citizens selected for admission will receive transportation, subsistence, and uniform at the expense of the United States, although it is believed that most of them will have their own uniforms in advance. Other articles of equipment will be issued at the camp."

"The camp for the New England States will be at Fort Ethan Allen or such other point in New England as may be designated by the commanding general of the Eastern district," says a statement issued yesterday by the War Department. "The camp for Congressional districts numbered 1 to 13, inclusive, in New York State (comprising Long Island, New York City, and a small piece of territory immediately north of New York City) will be at Plattsburg Barracks, New York."

"The camp for the remainder of New York State and the Tenth, Eleventh, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eighth Congressional Districts of Pennsylvania will be at Madison Barracks, New York. The camp for the remainder of Pennsylvania (which includes Philadelphia and Pittsburgh) will be at Fort Niagara, New York."

"The camp for New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia will be at

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FILL EVERY CORN CRIB, IS APPEAL TO FARMERS

Secretary Houston Points Out Necessity of Bumper Yields.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston last night appealed to the farmers of the nation to fill every corn crib in the United States to its utmost capacity. His appeal was especially directed to the farmers of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana, Texas, Kansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Kentucky, as they are the principal corn-producing States of the Union.

"Corn is America's most important cereal," Secretary Houston wrote to the farmers. "It can be grown successfully over a wider area than any other and furnishes nutritious food for man as well as the staple grain feed for cattle and draft animals. The production of corn should be increased this year to the fullest extent."

Teutons Disguising U-Boats As Plain Fishing Schooners

New York, April 18.—German submarines are now being sent out disguised as fishing schooners, according to statements made today by passengers on a steamship which arrived from Europe. When about 600 miles off the Spanish coast the steamship sighted a submarine disguised with three masts.

The steamer took flight, and after a couple of hours was out of danger.

COAL MINERS PARLEY.

Philadelphia, April 18.—Bituminous coal operators and miners of the Central Pennsylvania district, conferring at the Bellevue Stratford on wage demands of the men, settled down today to a series of talks which probably will be long drawn out.

Representatives of both sides said, after the second day of the meeting, that no action had been taken toward a compromise.

TORNADO HITS OKLAHOMA.

Oklaoma City, April 18.—The town of Snyder, in southeastern Oklahoma, was struck by a tornado tonight. Many persons are reported killed or injured. All direct communication with the town is impossible.

AERIAL PATROL ORDERED OUT.

New York, April 18.—Aerial Coast Patrol Unit, No. 2, of the Aero Club of America, received orders today to mobilize immediately for training at the Knapp Seaplane Station, Maspeth, Long Island. Among the airmen who comprise the unit is William J. Connors, Jr., son of William J. Connors, a Buffalo political leader. The unit will be under command of Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher.

D. A. R. BATTLE GROWS BITTER

Balloting Not Completed and Fight Will Be on Again Today.

Politics triumphed over patriotism yesterday in the third day's struggle of the Daughters of the American Revolution to elect a president general. The day was marked by bitter partisan strife and at 11 o'clock last night it was seen that a further attempt to reach a choice before today would be hopeless.

The balloting began at the opening of the afternoon session and continued through hours marked by intense partisan strife and, in at least one case, by veiled charges of actual dishonesty. Patriotism had its innings at the night session when national preparedness was the theme, but through all the speeches delegates waited tensely for balloting from the voting machines on an upper floor, where delegation after delegation cast ballots.

No Pronounced Favorite.

At midnight, the situation was literally in the air. The adherents of Mrs. John Miller Horne, of Buffalo, were claiming ultimate victory, though counting the votes of some of the delegates. The supporters of Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, of Kansas, were defiant and optimistic. The administration had thrown its support solidly behind Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, and only Mrs. George C. Squires, of St. Paul, was actually counted out of the race.

The balloting, which was expected to start at the opening of the morning session, was delayed owing to changes in the tickets and failure of some of the candidates to give notice of their choice of tellers. This, primarily, made it impossible to decide the presidency before the day's sessions closed.

It was discovered, early in the day, that the names of six candidates for vice president general were running on the tickets of both Mrs. Guernsey and Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Guernsey took the floor and demanded that the candidates take one

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ADVERTISING AGENCIES WILL HELP FLOAT BONDS

Pledge Support to McDoo in Work of Raising Huge War Sum.

Advertising agencies throughout the country are placing their facilities, free of charge, at the service of the government for the purpose of giving publicity to the war bond issue and inducing the American people to lend their funds to the general government. Secretary of the Treasury McDoo announced yesterday.

He said that banks, stores, newspapers and other agencies reaching millions of people have declared their willingness to aid the nation by giving free advertising space to the war bond issue.

Barron G. Collier, the street car advertising magnate, yesterday called on Secretary McDoo and offered him free advertising in street cars in the principal American cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

No definite arrangements for taking advantage of these offers, have yet been made, but it is expected that the work of handling volunteer services will shortly be organized under some distinct branch of the government.

HERALD SUNDAY SERMON BY REV. D. H. MARTIN

The sermon in Sunday's Herald will be by the Rev. D. H. Martin, D. D., newly assigned pastor of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, Fifth and F streets northwest.

Rev. Dr. Martin was born in Malone, N. Y. He received his degree from St. John's College of Annapolis, Md., and was ordained a minister in 1902, assigned to a circuit in Harford County, Md., where he remained for one year.

Dr. Martin for the past three years has been the pastor of the Dunbar Avenue Methodist Church here, but was transferred at the last session of the Baltimore Conference to the Wesley Chapel, where he has just taken up his new work.

The text of his sermon, written expressly for the Sunday Washington Herald, will be announced later.

Break Between Norway And Germany Imminent

Christiania, April 18.—A crisis between Germany and Norway is imminent. Norway is believed to be about ready to arm its merchantmen to prevent further wholesale sinking of her ships. She has lost about one-third of her total ship-sailors have lost their lives.

The Norwegian press is highly incensed over the continued aggression against shipping. The government is still maintaining a more conservative attitude, but a sharpening of the crisis is held imminent.

New Cabinet for Haiti Named in Official Decree

American Minister Blanchard, at Port au Prince, reported to the State Department yesterday that a presidential decree had announced the following new cabinet for Haiti:

Purey Chatelet, foreign affairs and justice.

Etienne Magloire, agriculture and public works.

Osmen Cham, interior and public worship.

Edmond Heraux, finance and commerce.

The report stated that the Haitian senate had been organized with Stenio Vincent as its president.

FIVE TOWNS CAPTURED IN FRENCH ONSLAUGHT; GERMANS FLEE WILDLY

Counter Attacks Snuffed Out, Teutons Retreating in Disorder. British Take Villers-Caislin.

(By International News Service.)

London, April 18.—The French today ripped new terrific gashes into the southern part of the Hindenburg line. Five important towns fell to their irresistible onrush, all counter-attacks were snuffed out by their earth-shaking "barrier fire," and the Teutons, for the first time since the great battle in the west began, fled in disorder, leaving important material and supply depots to their pursuers.

Seventeen thousand was the total of prisoners taken by tonight, since Monday—an average of more than 5,000 a day—and the number of cannon captured had mounted to seventy-five.

How terrific was the onslaught of the republic's soldiers and how crushing the inroads they made into the Teuton defense positions was illustrated by this passage in tonight's French war office communique:

"A single one of our regiments took 300 prisoners belonging to seven different regiments."

WHEAT SHORTAGE ALARMS EXPERTS

Special Crop Reports by Land Bank Chiefs Have Pessimistic Tone.

Alarming prospects for a wheat shortage are being voiced by the United States during its first month of participation in the European war, according to special crop reports gathered by the presidents of the twelve Federal Land Banks of the new rural credit system and announced by the Federal Farm Loan Board here yesterday.

These reports, obtained first hand from the farmers of the various districts, state that the previous alarming forecasts have not been exaggerated and that the nation must make every preparation to meet another short crop of the chief food staple required not only by its civil population of the world but by the armies in the field.

The wheat crop is such a complete failure in the normally high wheat producing region tributary to the Omaha Land Bank that farmers are plowing up the planted wheat fields and sowing them to other food crops. The same is true in the Louisville and New Orleans district.

An undaunted spirit among the farmers may avert the situation, however, it is stated. Reports say that the husbandmen are holding meetings and discussing means of increasing food production along other lines. Corn and potato acreages have been increased, and farmers are realizing the need for seeding large food crops.

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'DIVINE SARAH' HOVERS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Outcome of Mme. Bernhardt's Condition Uncertain, Say Doctors.

(By the International News Service.)

New York, April 18.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt hovered in a critical condition in Mount Sinai Hospital today following the operation last night for an infection of the kidney.

Tonight her three physicians issued the following statement:

"Mme. Bernhardt stood the operation well. The outcome is still uncertain because of previous underlying conditions."

(Signed)

"FELIX MAROT, M. D.,
"EMANUEL LIEBMAN, M. D.,
"LEE BUERGER, M. D."

The patient rested quietly during the greater part of the day. From time to time she slept for short periods. Her secretary, Miss Ormsby, expressed the opinion that tomorrow the actress would feel equal to dictating a statement expressive of her deep appreciation of the manifestations of sympathy and affection with which she has been showered during her affliction.

GERMAN REFORM URGED BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN

Salvation Now Lies in Move Toward Democratization, Says Publicist.

(By the International News Service.)

London, April 18.—If Germany cleans house by making widespread reforms, peace negotiations may begin this year, in the opinion of Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft and one of the foremost publicists in Germany.

The Times today gives a full display of Dr. Harden's article on the possibilities for peace and it indicates that the German editor is assuming a good share of the leadership in the movement for real political and social reforms in Germany. Dr. Harden's view is that Germany's salvation now lies in the direction of reform—a lesson taught by the Russian revolution.

The Easter rescript of the Kaiser is openly scorned by the German editor, who demands real reforms. In concluding its article the Times quotes Dr. Harden as saying:

"Our fate depends not on bits of territory which European states can no longer take away from one another and can no longer hold to their own permanent advantage, but upon the acquisition of higher spiritual values. Elevate the conscience of mankind and light up the German house. What the enemy demands too loudly, but what we in secret feel to be a necessity, will come to pass. The will of the people will be free, and Germany will know for what the dearest children of her bosom are dying and suffering."

THIS IS PATRIOTISM DAY! EITHER ENLIST OR HELP THE RED CROSS FUND